I've Been Thinking

BY CAB CALLOWAY

You can tell when world affairs start getting serious because people stop seeing flying saucers. I don't know why it is, unless its because people have so little to occupy their minds in normal times, but as soon as the smoke of battle settles, flying saucers go on the rampage again.

Remember in the twenties and thirties when people were seeing sea monsters and when the Sunday sections of the news papers all carried stories about the end of the world? Any gypsy tea room seer would have been happy to give you a rundown on just how long it would be fore the Sun collided with Mars and destroyed the Universe.

Those people who go for the dramatic things in life always had a pet fortune teller who saw the end of the world about two years away. Then there were others who predicted that the end of the world would come in about 2,000 years, but they made it so dramatic that everybody worried about it.

I don't know who it was who started the flying saucer stories, but they were a little faster moving, a little more immediate and hence a little more exciting than the hoary monsters of the deep. They caught the fancy of the public in no time at all. Here was something that any good imagination could conjure up at will.

A year ago flying saucers were going great guns. You couldn't pick up a paper without reading an eye witness report of the latest flying saucer.

Some of the descriptions were dandies, too. Nobody in the area liked to admit that they hadn't seen the saucer, so they trained their peepers on the clouds and put their subconscious into high gear. If I ever design a flying saucer I hope I can do as well as the folks dreamed them.

But now that things have gotten more and more tense in our international relations, the rash of flying saucers, the sea monsters the ghost ships, and the men from Mars have faded into oblivion.

When people have real material cares to occupy their minds they live quiet, cautious lives and think quiet, cautious thoughts. But when the cares disappear, they manufacture unreal ones to add heat to the fevered brow.

Especially is that true today in this world of Buck Rogers warfare, with jet planes traveling faster than sound, gimcracks which hurl sheets of flame into the air, atom bits which can explode with such force as to virtually destroy large cities.

When the real thing comes along it is as terrifying as anything the Sunday sections ever wrote or pictured anent the end of the world.

I think Danny Thomas said what we would all like to say one night recently when he was talking to Barry Gray. "'This is a wonderful country," Danny said. "I hope nobody drops anything on it."

Women's Senate Presents Memo To President Lee

TALLAHASSEE — An address by Mrs. George W. Gore, Jr., campus first lady and presentation of a silver water pitcher in memory of the late President J. R. E. Lee, Sr., highlighted the regular monthly meeting of the Florida A and M College Women's Senate last week.

In this period of Thanksgiving let us harvest for 1950 and plant well for 1951, Mrs. Gore told the group. We should never be so busy we do not sow properly, she added.

"As a nation so many seeds have been sown of ill will, malice . . . We should have a Christian life free from ill will, jealousy, shiftlessness and malice. None of us would want to reap the seeds of this kind of life."

"What we are doing here on this campus? What kind of seeds do we sow? What are we planning for 1951?" Mrs. Gore asked.

Following her address, Mrs. L. H. Washington, director, faculty women housing, presented the water pitcher to Mary Bellamy, acting president of the senate. It was a gift of Miss Kutura Whitehurst, a former Famcee dean of women. She is currently a professor of psychology at Virginia State College.

The program was under the auspices of the Senior Women's House Council. Miss Geneva J. Holmes is sponsor.

FAMC President Heads Assoc'n Of Secondary Schools

TALLAHASSEE — George W. Gore, Jr., president of Florida A and M College has been elected president of the Association of College Secondary Schools at its 1950 meeting at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, December 5-7. The organization is composed of fully accredited Negro colleges and secondary schools throughout the United States.

For the past two years Dr. Gore served as vice president of the organization. Currently he is serving as president of the American Teachers Association and Secretary-Treasurer of the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society.

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NEW YORK — (CNS) —There are no two ways about it. Most of us aren't adaptable to sketching gorgeous gowns for ourselves and stitching them a la Hattie Carnegie or Schiaparelli. And when we find one who can, we sit back and listen in awe. Such is L'Tanya, Hollywood and Paris trained, who's currently making nation wide tours to show brownskin girls what colors and fashions are best for them.

For her personal wardrobe, L'Tanya has designed a traveling suit of steel gray wool. The hemline is fringed and a matching stole likewise. The fox jacket features double breasted effect . . . A date suit is of red velveteen. Here she's done her favorite styling, trimming the left sleeve with braid and black fringe. The skirt is simply wrap-around . . . . For parties and cocktails, at which L'Tanya modestly sips scotch and milk, she's fallen in love with her own magneta rose satin ensemble. She's made it off-the-shoulder with a side dip peplum, long sleeves which come up in sharp point. The coat is also rose satin and has a high round collar, short sleeves with deep cuffs and is interlined to combat winter winds.

As a formal, L'Tanya chooses her white lace gown which is "as a portrait." The lace is imported from England. She wears lace gloves and throws a tulle stole around her for dancing. A different type formal — the more exotic type we should say, is her lipstick red nylon jersey strapless gown with a deep slit showing gold Roman-styled slippers. The effect which knocks 'em out, though, is the peplum— it's of white platina fox and sits at a sassy angle.

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